



SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

STATEMENT OF MEETING Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

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STATEMENT OF THE 58TH MEETING OF PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK

The Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work (PBCYC) convened its 58th meeting on 31 March 2026, focusing on its core mandate and responsibilities.

Registration under the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work

The Professional Board noted that a total of 15 child and youth care workers, 103 auxiliary child and youth care workers were registered between October and December 2025. The names of 20 auxiliary child and youth care workers were restored in terms of section 20(3) of the Social Service Professions Act, 110 of 1978.

Education, training and development

The Professional Board received the following update with regards to the education, training and development of child and youth care workers and auxiliary child and youth care workers:

- institutions in North West and Limpopo province have been identified to pilot quality assurance documents.
- a total of four continuing for professional development (CPD) applications were received and with three that were from the previous quarter, all seven were assessed and approved.
- Durban University of Technology assessment of the development plan was approved with six months to implement the developmental plan and submit a progress report thereafter.
- norms and standards relating NQF level 5 child and youth care work learning programme, quality assurance self-assessment tool for NQF level 5 child and youth care learning programme and the guidelines for preparation for child and youth quality assurance site visit were approved.

Prescribed Child and Youth Care Work qualification

The Professional Board took a decision to approach the University of Venda to explore the possibility of reviewing the current qualification in Child and Youth Development to align it with the prescribed qualification for registration of child and youth care workers. This is part of the professional board's efforts to ensure access to child and youth care work qualification at professional level.

Regulations for child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers

The Professional Board has finalised the draft amendments to the Regulations regarding the registration of child and youth care workers, auxiliary child and youth care workers and student child and youth care workers. The draft regulations were submitted to the Policy and Legislation Committee of Council and will proceed to Council for consideration before being recommended to the Minister of Social Development. Once published for public comments, the sector's input will be reviewed prior to finalisation.

The Professional Board concluded its 58th meeting with heartfelt appreciation to its members and secretariat for their commitment and valuable contributions. The Professional Board also recognised the forthcoming International Child and Youth Care Week, to be observed from 4 to 10 May 2026 under the theme *"Caring, connecting and advocating in*

troubled times.” As the current term enters its final year, the Professional Boards’ focus will shift towards preparing the close-out report and ensuring that regulatory matters are finalised for effective implementation. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 June 2026.

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ABOUT THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SERVICE PROFESSIONS

The South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) is an autonomous statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 ("the Act"). The SACSSP discharges its mandate, subject to the provisions of the Act together with the Regulations and Rules thereto, as the determining, guiding and directing authority body for the social service professions of social work and child and youth care work in the country. The SACSSP fulfils this role through Council constituted in terms of section 5 of the Act and the Professional Board for Social Work and the Professional Board for Child and Youth Care Work established in terms of section 14A of the Act and constituted in terms of the applicable Regulations, by setting the standards for education and training of social service professionals (qualifications and continuous professional development); registration of social service professionals as a requirement to practice; setting standards for and exercise effective control over the professional conduct (including ethics) of social service professionals as well as by taking policy resolutions as guidelines for the practising of the social service professions under its auspices. Thus, protecting the integrity of the social service professions as well as the interest of the public at large. It is a legal requirement in terms of the Act for a social worker, social auxiliary worker, student social worker, student social auxiliary worker, child and youth care worker, auxiliary child and youth care worker, student child and youth care worker and student auxiliary child and youth care worker to be registered and in good standing in terms of his or her registration as condition to practise.